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Agawam Woman Sister Of Hostage.....

Freedom Hits Home

By Penny Stone

How would you feel if your brother was finally released from 14½ months of captivity in a hostile land and was being sent home? Well, Mrs. "Scottie" Mushrush of 77 Sunnyslope Avenue, Agawam, says she'd feel "great" if she could only make herself believe that he's coming home and all right.

After months and months of negotiating, of false hopes and seemingly endless snags, the 52 Americans held hostage by the Iranian government have finally been released. We've watched our television sets as these courageous citizens were transported to Frankfurt, Germany, for five to seven days of debriefing and health checks.

For Scottie Mushrush and others like her, it takes time to adjust. Simply saying it's so isn't enough. Her brother, 48-year-old Colonel Charles Scott, was among those captured back on November 4, 1979. Charles, an Army career man, had been to Iran on a mission before. This time his mission was interrupted...

When Mrs. Mushrush heard the terrible news, she wanted to scream, "They've got my brother!" over and over again. "You can't imagine how it feels," she added.

As the months wore on, she kept in touch with her brother's wife and two children living just outside Atlanta, Georgia. She worried and prayed and stayed in the background. Though the Mushrushes raise show cats at their home, Mrs. Mushrush took a job as assistant cook at Heritage Hall Nursing Home to help keep her mind off the seemingly impossible situation in a strange land on the other side of the world.

Word of Scott's condition was infrequent. His mother received a birthday card in Pennsylvania. His wife received a letter from him on January 3rd, after nine months without news. They were fortunate enough to have seen him on both the Easter and Christmas telecasts. His sister Scottie noted that he was now wearing glasses and looked somewhat thinner, but good.

Writing letters to him apparently became difficult as well. "I felt uncomfortable writing him all about our family activities, knowing his life was so restricted. I couldn't exactly express all my inner feelings to him in a letter, either. So we sent him many cards and notes."

In recent weeks as negotiations were reopened and the prospects looked promising, Mrs. Mushrush allowed herself to be hopeful again. Then technical snags delayed plans and the outcome became questionable. Frankly, added her husband Dale, "We've gone through hell these past couple of weeks." Their four children, especially ten-year-old Suellen, have been affected by this ordeal as well.

Finally this past Tuesday evening the Mushrushes lifted their champagne glasses in celebration of the homecoming of Scott and the other 51 Americans. Mrs. Mushrush said she's NOW resisting the urge to go outside and yell, "He's back! He's back!" hoping she'll convince herself he's on the way. For Scottie Mushrush, and perhaps for family members of all the returnees, touching is truly believing. "Until I can reach out and actually touch him, I'll hold something back," she explained.

Mrs. Mushrush hopes to be able to visit her liberated brother in the near future and finally express in PERSON those feelings she couldn't write. Her husband, a baker at Lederer's Bake Shop, must remain at home to care for the 26 cats they're breeding, so Mrs. Mushrush would like to be able to take her daughter Suellen with her to see her Uncle Chuck finally.

Because of all the hardships and pain this local family has endured over the past 14½ months, the *Agawam Advertiser/News* encourages concerned readers to send a financial contribution to the Mushrushes to help defray expenses and assure them of a safe and successful reunion with freed American "brother" Charles Scott.

Col. Charles Scott



Town Of Agawam Massachusetts Proclamation

WHEREAS, On this the occasion of the safe return of the fifty-two American hostages from Iran; and

WHEREAS, A most troubled and suspenseful time in the history of America has come to a most joyous conclusion;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul M. Fieldstad, President of the Agawam Town Council do hereby proclaim SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1981, as a Day of Special Prayer and Thanksgiving.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens of the community to participate by hanging flags or other appropriate displays to proclaim their patriotic feelings and joy; and

FURTHER, I call upon the leaders of the several Agawam religious congregations to recognize this event of

freedom in their sabbath worship services as would be fitting and proper according to their respective faiths and preachings and more especially to remember the past sacrifices and future well-being of the former hostages and their families; and

FURTHER, I urge all churches and members of the religious community at 12 Noon to ring bells or otherwise provide a period of celebration as evidence of our gratitude and joy for the fruitful conclusion of this most trying period in American history.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the TOWN OF AGAWAM to be affixed this 20th day of January, 1981.

Paul M. Fieldstad
President, Agawam Town Council

Brother of Mrs. Scottie
Mushrush, of Agawam.



Council President Paul Fieldstad



Councilor Stephen Cincotta

Fieldstad Survives Second Ouster Attempt

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Councilors Paul Fieldstad and William Herd have retained their positions as president and vice-president of the council, narrowly defeating the challenge to move Councilors Stephen Cincotta and Donald Rheault into their slots.

At last Monday's meeting in the public library, Fieldstad beat Cincotta by an 8-6 margin on the first ballot of the special election to reorganize the council. Surprising fellow councilors by the outcome, the results seem a reversal of the trend set in motion January 5th, when an 8-7 vote to reorganize the council midway through Fieldstad's term of office appeared to signify that a majority would favor Cincotta and Rheault at the helm. A charter objection invoked by Councilor Robert DeForge delayed any action on the matter until this week.

Councilors Elena Bonavita and Walter Kerr, who supported the original move to reorganize the council, voted for Fieldstad and Herd in an apparent switch of support.

Ms. Bonavita said she originally supported Cincotta and had informed Fieldstad of her position. "I decided to change my vote because a lot of my constituents called me and said they could see no reason to change the leadership of the council," she said.

Kerr denied that his vote was a switch in support. He said he made up his mind after studying the situation over the week and decided that a vote for Fieldstad was "in the best interest of the town."

DeForge said, "After councilors had a week or so to do some soul searching, they couldn't find anything wrong with Fieldstad."

Rheault said he was "surprised" and "disappointed" with the outcome of the vote. He added that it was a personal disappointment because those who had given him their word changed their minds. "If you can't trust someone with their word, then what can you trust them with?" he said.

He stated that the council failed their responsibility to give positive direction to the chair and that they have not been upholding Robert's rules of parliamentary procedure, the town charter, the town code, and the general laws, and for these reasons a change is warranted.

"We haven't followed the book, and when you don't do that, you run into all kinds of problems," Rheault said. "If councilors were interested in the betterment of the town and did their homework, they would see the problems with the chair and would have made the change."

Vice-President Herd said that he was pleased the majority of councilors chose to let Fieldstad and himself continue in office.

"I think Paul (Fieldstad) seemed to have been working during the last year to smoothe out the friction amongst some of the groups on the council," he said. "I was surprised that there was a reorganization attempt made."

"There was concern amongst some councilors with the way Paul allowed items to come up for consideration again once they had been defeated," he continued. But Herd said this generally occurred when the vote had been very close and the item was important to the town.

"This was one of the biggest things that irritated some of the councilors, but it is something that we can sit down and come to an agreement on," Herd added.

"At no time were charges ever made against Paul in public. You should have some reasons, and reasons that you're going to speak about, if you going to eliminate a president," he said.

Fieldstad said he was surprised and "very gratified with the outcome." "I have no animosity towards those who voted against me," he added.

Councilors Paleologopolis, Serra, Trehey, DeForge, Bonavita and Kerr voted to support Fieldstad and Herd.

Councilors Theroux, Colli, Nardi, and Gallano supported Cincotta and Rheault.

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Former Local At Inaugural

Cecilia Harrington, formerly of Agawam and now residing in Venice, Florida, was among the select citizens invited to attend the gala Inaugural Ball for President Ronald Reagan. Her invitations included those for the ball, the inaugural ceremony, and the private reception of Vice-President George Bush and were extended by Bush himself.

Long a political activist, Mrs. Harrington had been a strong Bush supporter early in the presidential race and then switched her allegiance to Reagan when Bush accepted the vice presidential nomination.

Her political activities included serving as the first woman elected the Agawam Town Council for two two-year terms.

She was also active in the Agawam Women's Club and was an office holder in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Harrington recently published a book entitled *Aggressive Blood* which chronicles tales her grandparents had told her about their lives spent in Italy.

She is the mother of three children.

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Town Honors Local Historian



Town Council President Paul Fieldstad, left, presents a plaque honoring Agawam's own historian, Mrs. Edith LaFrancis, center, as Marilyn Curry, president of the Agawam Historical Association helps celebrate. The presentation was made last weekend at a public reception held at the library which displayed Mrs. LaFrancis' recently-published history of our town entitled *Agawam, Massachusetts: A Town History*. The 400-page hard cover book will be available at the Clerk's Office in the town hall for \$13.13 including tax. A special thank you was extended to the present Town Council which approved funding for this project in last year's budget. Photo by Jack Devine.

Barry Smith Weds Florida Woman

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Smith of 50 Emerson Road, Agawam, announce the marriage of their son Barry of Los Angeles, California, to the former Mona Romanello of Miami, Florida.

The event took place at St. Lucie's tholic Church in Port St. Lucie, Florida on Saturday, January 17, 1981, and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents. Paul Smith of Dayton, Ohio, served as his brother's best man.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Miami, worked as a stock analyst and bondsperson for Merrill, Lynch of the New York Stock Exchange in Miami.

The groom, a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and the Embry Riddle School of Aeronautics in Miami, is at present completing a course in Air Frame and Power Flight at Northrup University in Los Angeles.

The couple will reside in California.

Square Dancers To Meet

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, January 24th at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8 p.m.

Jack O'Leary will be the caller and the rounds will be cued by Lyn Beatty. All Western Style dancers are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Tamie Atanas Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atanas of 19 Hamilton Circle, Feeding Hills, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Tamie to John Andrew Luszcz of Ludlow, son of Mrs. Pauline Luszcz.

A May wedding is planned.

Rene Thomas Honored At HCC Seminar

While looking to the future in a day of discussions about the next five years of Holyoke Community College, the college also looked to the past by honoring thirteen members of its staff who have each served the institution for fifteen years.

Rene P. Thomas of Agawam, professor of business law, was among those staff members so honored as part of Seminar '81, a day pf panel discussions about the future of the college.

Thomas earned his bachelor's degree from American International College, an M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts, and his law degree from Western New England College.

Benji Comes To The Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will offer three showings of the Walt Disney film *Benji* on Saturday, January 24th.

Admission is free for Agawam school-aged children and adults. Tickets for either the 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 3 p.m. shows will be given out on a first come-first served basis at the circulation desk.

For more information, call the Agawam Library at 789-1550.

DAR Schedules Meeting

Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will meet Tuesday, February 3 at 12:45 p.m. in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Springfield.

The Conservation Program, which emphasizes energy conservation, wildlife protection, wetlands preservation, and tree farm promotion, will feature Mrs. Richard Trepp, who will speak on "Colonial Inn Converted To Home."

Mrs. Daniel Orlitzki, regent, will conduct the business meeting. The American Heritage Corner will feature a display of photos of homesteads.


Historical Assoc. Will Meet

The Agawam Historical Association will meet on January 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, 663 Main Street.

Miss Carla Rosati and Gail Hano of the Cultural Education Collaborative will present their book *The Golden Era Sourcebook*, a unique collection of vintage photographs and documents from the exciting "golden era" of Springfield.

They will discuss such questions as "What was it like to ride a streetcar up State Street in Springfield in the 1870's?" or "Who was bicycle champion of America and co-creator of the Indian Motorcycle?" Other possible questions may be "Why did Springfield's City Hall burn down in 1905?" or "What happened when the Great Blizzard of 1888 struck the city?"

The Agawam Historical Association extends a cordial invitation to all interested town residents to join the activities of the association. Refreshments will be served.


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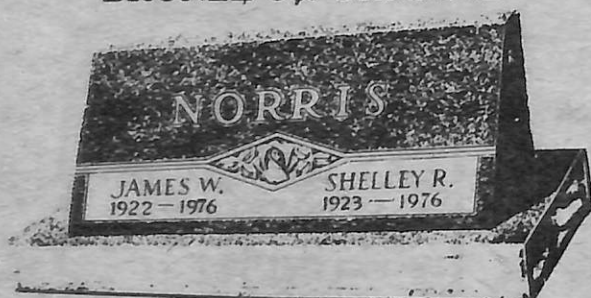
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Amelia S. Rivers

90th Birthday Celebrated

Amelia S. Rivers of 886 Main Street celebrated her 90th birthday on January 18th at a party held at the Agawam Senior Center. Mrs. Rivers was born on January 15, 1881.

Sponsoring the celebration were her children: Earl, Robert, Althea Cowles, and Adrienne Alvingini, all of Agawam; Lawrence and Roland, both of Springfield; Charles of Carver; Beulah Mutti of Florence; and Delores Kehoe of East Hartford.

Mrs. Rivers also has 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Short Takes

Habitues of the local watering hole all have thirst-rate credit.

When applied to most bus lines, the words "rapid" and "transit" are a contradiction in terms.

Keep your eyes on the stars and you'll drive into a bridge abutment.

The poet who rhapsodized about birdsongs at dawn didn't have to go to work at 7 a.m.

"On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

Congratulations are in order for MR. and MRS. CLIFTON HOBSON of 79 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills. Early this fall, they celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary with friends and family attending. Mrs. Hobson (Dianne) turned 76 on January 6th and a neighborhood party was given by MRS. IRIS SCOTT of 81 Pheasant Hill Drive. The at-home party featured home-baked refreshments and games of Yahtzee. A good time was had by all.

Cliff Hobson celebrated his 75th birthday last month and was also given a surprise party by Mrs. Scott. What lovely neighbors! Happy belated birthday wishes to you both...and many more.

Best wishes go out to 9-year-old CHARLIE WEBER of 74 Cooper Street, Agawam. Charlie fell from a climbing rope during a recent gymnastics class and "buckled" the bone in his forearm. "Tarzan" will be sporting a cast for the next four weeks or so. Hang in there, Charlie.

MRS. MAE KARAM of 54 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, is home recuperating after a two-week stay in Mercy Hospital. Also, MRS. LAURA DUGAN of 107 Pheasant Hill Drive is on the mend after a three-week stay in Springfield Hospital. Welcome home! Your friends and neighbors are glad to have you both back again.

Thanks, folks, for all the "warm fuzzies" you gave me. They really helped me "endure" the day. Special thanks to PAULINE DICKENSON, an Elm Street reader, who "took time out" to give me very special wishes. May the days ahead bring you many "snowflake and willowy" things we all wish for, but rarely attain."

It seems that New Year's Resolutions have gone the way of the cash payments: almost no one makes them anymore...

According to SAM FEMIANO, director of the SPAN Center on Springfield Street, making concrete, practical resolutions from time to time "can be very healthy for people who can set goals for themselves and work to achieve them. It gives people an opportunity to start over or begin again fresh," he added. When asked if he had a resolution to share, he commented, "I don't make resolutions for fear I'll fail." (!*) Where does that leave the rest of us???

MARGE CABA of Walnut Street, Agawam, says she "takes one day at a time" and doesn't make yearly resolutions. Too bad a resolution won't make her three-week old cold disappear. Hope your tomorrow is brighter than your today, Marge.

Agawam Advertiser/News publisher RIC SARDELLA volunteered that he'll either "stop procrastinating or start campaigning for president of the Procrastinators of America Club." No contest!!

On the serious side...

Since I personally can have little impact on many of my concerns - inflation, Proposition 2½, world peace, morality, I will resolve to do something within my reach (fear of failure?) I resolve not to be "too busy" for family, friends, and loved ones; taking time each day to smell the flowers, so to speak. Somehow, when I do take the time, those other concerns don't seem so important.

Happy NEW year!

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Wednesday evenings: Prayer group meetings 7:30

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Rev. Frank E. Dunn

Sunday services, 10 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

Boy Scouts Receive Religious Award



Several Scouts from Troop 76 and 77, sponsored by St. Theresa's Church recently received the Par Vuli Dei or Children of God award. Photo by Jack Devine.

OBITUARIES

Jane DeForge

Jane (McGrath) DeForge, 24, of 144 Autumn Street, formerly of Marshfield died Monday, January 19, 1981, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit.

A former employee of the University Store at UMass, she had lived in Agawam only a short while and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves her husband Mark; an infant daughter Danielle; her parents, Daniel and Jane McGrath of Marshfield; five brothers, Daniel, John, Joseph, Patrick, and Michael; four sisters, Joanne, Marie, Mary Laravee, and Stephanie Shaugnessey; and two grandmothers, Doris Norton and Mary McGrath.

Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Margaretta E. Gosling

Margaretta E. (Dawe) Gosling, 84, of 23 Charles Street died Tuesday, January 13, 1981, in Mercy Hospital.

A retired seamstress, she had lived in Agawam for 20 years and was a member of the Senior Center, Golden Age Club, and the Coffee Roller Bowling League as well as of the Agawam Women's Club.

The widow of William Gosling, she leaves a daughter Marjorie Alheim, with whom she lived; a sister Emily Channon of Plymouth, and a grandson.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Clifford Greene

Clifford W. Greene, 79, of 12 Dartmouth Street, died Thursday, January 15, 1981, in a local nursing home.

A past district deputy grand master and a member of the Masons for 59 years, he had been a consultant engineer and a member of South Church, Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Irene Smith; a son, William of Worcester; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Nordgren Memorial Chapel, Worcester, was in charge of services which included a Masonic service, and burial was in Worcester County Memorial Park.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 24th
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January 24th
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February 7th
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January 27th
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Meeting
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House
7:30 p.m.

February 7th
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CHURCH NEWS

By Rita White

[Say the word church and everyone sees the same picture: Sunday morning, pews filled and the priest or minister in the pulpit. Our churches are much more than that.

This column is intended to keep you informed of the churches in our community and the many services they provide and the activities they are involved in.]

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

On Sunday, January 18th, the boy scouts of Troop 76 and Troop 77 as well as one boy from West Springfield received a special award of the church at the 9 a.m. mass. The boys were presented the Par Vuli Dei or Children of God award as proud families and friends looked on.

Fr. Choquette would like to ask all Eagle Scouts, formerly of Troop 76, to attend Family Night on February 8th at St. Anthony's Parish Hall at 8 p.m. It will be a very special night for Guy Jeding, who is to receive his Eagle Scout badge. For more information, contact Fr. Choquette at St. Theresa's.

We hope whatever your church that you will keep us informed of its activities so we may pass the information on to the community. This column is for you.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Critics Choice

By Chuck Kelley

Playright John Pielmeier's *Agnes Of God* is a two-act drama now playing at StageWest. Running simultaneously at several regional theatres around the country, the three-character play shows science and religion in conflict over a matter that is both legal and moral, or to put it another way, illegal and immoral. The verdict is ours. Pielmeier says his play offers no answers; instead, it asks questions that are both ancient and modern.

Modern science is represented in the person of Dr. Livingston, a psychiatrist who has been appointed by the court to probe the mystery of the death of a newly-born child. She is hindered in her investigation by the Mother Superior, a woman who represents faith and the acceptance of the unknowable. The source of the conflict is Agnes, a young nun who is the mother of the dead child.

In many ways, *Agnes Of God* is similar to *Equus*. Both stories are told from the point of view of a psychiatrist who probes the mind of a younger person. Both psychiatrists narrate their stories directly to the audience between scenes of the plays, and each play has a strong element of mystery begging to be solved by modern science.

Whereas *Equus* is a gripping and powerful drama, *Agnes Of God*, for some of us, is not. Although the play seems to have all the merits of an interesting and serious work of art, one comes away from it feeling that somehow something was lacking. It is not the lack of answers to Pielmeier's questions that creates the void. Perhaps the answer to what is missing lies in the modern sense of futility. After all is said and done, does faith in God and his miracles really suffice for living in this nuclear age? And since that, too, is a question, Pielmeier feels only an ambiguous obligation to answer.

Agnes Of God Poses Questions; Offers No Answers

StageWest's production is fine. Each of the three actresses defines her character with skill and conviction. They firmly believe in their own reasons for existence and their humanity develops as their reasoning weakens.

Tana Hicken as the doctor who seeks factual truth is smoothly commanding as she probes and analyzes the mystery. Her chain smoking metamorphosis from objective cool to passionate involvement is quite believable. If her character has moments that seem incredible to some of us, particularly the last scene, the fault lies in the script, not in her acting.

Gloria Cromwell gives Mother Miriam Ruth those qualities that show her as the protector of innocence and faith. She displays fine skill in her gamut of emotions that run from conviction to shocked disbelief.

Monique Fowler as Agnes is wide-eyed and childlike, saintly in her aura of innocence. She nearly grasped a moment or two that showed genuine inspiration. There is little doubt that she will attain those moments.

Director Richard Gershman has brought forth good performances from his actresses. He has taken the mystery element of the script and paced it with increasing interest.

The set, designed by Brian R. Jackins, is symmetrical and has the appearance of a talk show setting on a black and white television. The backdrop is black with just about everything else in gray. Neutral colors for a play that leaves nearly all the answers to its audience. Pleasing to the eye were the metallic arches suspended in various positions.

Agnes Of God is not the kind of play that will appeal to a broad audience. For some, however, it will be a meaningful examination of religion and science in these troubled times. It will provide much to think about for those who are deeply concerned about God's function in this technological world.

For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

January can often be a very depressing time for everyone, regardless of age. Much as we may have enjoyed the holidays, they do put a strain on many of us. Added to this, another year has passed us by and we find ourselves deep in the middle of winter.

It's at this time we need to change our way of thinking. Why do we save our "holiday wishes" for one day of the year? Why not go through some of the greeting cards you received this year and pick out a few from people you've lost touch with over the years except for the "once a year" card. Surprise them with a follow-up note, renew old friendships.

As to the passing of another year, that means we have a brand new one facing us that we can fill with accomplishments and joy. Think of something you'd like to accomplish. There isn't much cure for winter, but here are two thoughts. Each passing day brings us closer to spring by staying light a little longer. So we are on the way out of winter. Get ready for spring. Get a couple of flowering bulbs and follow directions that accompany them. There are types that will blossom beautifully in a pretty saucer, an old favorite teapot, whatever. And you can greet spring with your own bouquet. Try some of these "new beginnings."

These few warm days have been a welcome break in a very tough winter. Aside from limiting our activities, it has been a great drain on our fuel budget. Don't forget that there is home energy fuel assistance. Most elderly citizens who are on Social Security qualify for this assistance. If you are among those elderly citizens of Agawam, you may fill out your application at the Agawam Senior Center.

And while of the subject of fuel...do you use gas in your home? If so, you are eligible for a \$10 credit against any service charges. Contact the Senior Center for more information. 786-0400, ext. 242.

We hope to start sending our birthday wishes on a weekly basis, so let us know who and when.

We'll start with a "Happy Birthday" to HAZEL GATES on her 80th birthday and to AMMELIA RIVERS on her 90th.

Hazel and Ammelia share January with some other senior citizens whose names you will easily recognize: George Burns (1/20/96); Cary Grant (1/18/04); Ethel Merman (1/16/09); and Loretta Young (1/6/13). Some famous names out of the past with January birthdays are Ben Franklin (1/17/1706) and Robert E. Lee (1/19/1807).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALL...

Viola and Pearly Crosby send greetings from San Rosa, California, to all their friends at the Senior Center. As much as they enjoy their beautiful weather, they do say they miss you all and the good times they had here.

Nancy Cushman of the Golden Ages reports that they held their regular meeting at the Senior Center on January 14th. The flu bug and cold weather were responsible for many missing members.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28th at which time 26 new members will be welcomed aboard.

A white elephant sale is also planned for the January 28th meeting, so get busy and clean house; now is your chance.

Two upcoming dates for Golden Age Club members to remember are January 22 for the trip to Bermuda (we look forward to a report about that) and January 29th when the club goes to the Coachlight Dinner Theatre to see *Anything Goes*.

If you have something you'd like to see here, let me know. Drop me a line: Rita White, 81 Witheridge Street, Feeding Hills, 01030 or give me a call at 786-4970. We are especially interested in any of your "new beginnings." And remember "senior citizen" only means you've had more time to learn and grow as an individual. Whatever your "new beginning," you bring much to it. We are all familiar with the story *Don Quixote*, but did you know that Cervantes was 68 when he wrote it?

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Rita White

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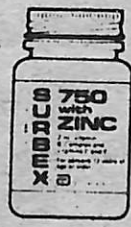
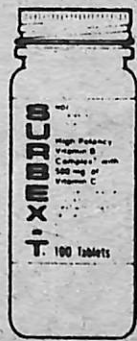
Spina Bifida Association Meets

The next meeting of the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Massachusetts Spina Bifida Association will be held on Sunday, February 1st at 2 p.m. at Mercy Hospital (main level of the old nurse's home).

Guest speaker will be Roger Cote, who is well known throughout the state for his work for the handicapped.

For more information, call Robert A. Josefek, 108 Regal Street, Springfield. Telephone: 783-7892.

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EDITORIAL

Letters to the Editor

Resident Angry About Fee Increases To The Editor:

Town Council's approval of Town Manager Richard Bowen's recommendations for big increases in various municipal fee's can be viewed as just a foreshadowing of things to come.

As a supporter of Proposition 2 1/2, I can honestly say that I was not trying to "scare" government into fiscal austerity but to tell them that we've all had our fill of high property taxes and government spending.

Now, we hear great utterances about increases in water and sewer fee's not being related to Proposition 2 1/2. I think someone is attempting to challenge our intelligence!

Maybe, since it's an election year, town councilors will listen a little better to what voters here in Agawam resoundingly told them last November.

M.S.
Feeding Hills

Ambulance Service Praised

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Firefighters-Emergency Medical Technicians Joseph Cimaroli and Chuck Cartello for the quick and professional service they provided my mother on Christmas Eve.

Within minutes the two EMT's were at the scene. Both men were kind to my family and showed a great ability to comfort us during a difficult time for my family.

The people in the community should be proud of their free ambulance services and should also be proud of the men who operate the ambulance.

I know for they have saved many lives in every section of the community and have displayed a similar caring and professionalism for other people during their times of great need and despair.

Again, thank-you very much for your help to my family on Christmas Eve. We all appreciate you very much.

Rosemary Sandlin
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Advertiser/News' Reporter Praised

To The Editor:

On Saturday, January 10th, Penny Stone interviewed me for the Features Page article on weight reduction (Diet Workshop in particular). Penny is extremely professional and objective. Her article described exactly what I tried to convey to your readers.

How refreshing to have a comparison of programs given rather than just one program submitted. Your readers can now make an intelligent decision as to how to join the thin world.

We do not have to lose the "battle of the bulge" when top-notch reporting such as Penny's presentation is made available. My sincere thanks to you and Penny.

Very truly yours,
Faith L. Simmons
Instructor/Diet Workshop

Guest Editorial...

By Thomas P. O'Neill III
Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts

On Wednesday, December 31, after two and one-half years work, the special commission concerning state and county buildings filed its final report and went out of business.

The Commission's Report chronicles twelve years of corruption, favoritism and incompetence in the awarding of contracts and in the design and construction of state and county buildings.

The Commission and all those who worked on the investigation deserve the praise and extreme gratitude of all honest and concerned residents of Massachusetts.

The findings of the commission are shocking, even to those who think they've seen it all.

Documented in the 2,500 page report are clear cut cases of bribery, extortion, conspiracy, bid rigging, favoritism, theft, incompetence, and illegal campaign contributions.

By now, most people know that Massachusetts has spent almost \$8 billion in twelve years for construction of buildings it will now cost \$2 billion to fix.

At least another billion dollars, by the Commission's estimates, was needlessly wasted on unnecessary delays in design and construction.

No wonder taxes are so high - they have to be to pay for all the theft and incompetence.

What is most disturbing to me, however, is that in reading the Commission's narrative, I find numerous cases where Governor King appears to have, at best, done little to help the Commission and, at worst, done whatever he could to impede its work.

Governor King failed to place a priority on getting a deficiency budget passed in 1979, saying he did not think it was an emergency and saying he would be more familiar with the Commission if he had appointed it.

Governor King ended up supporting the commission budget of two-thirds what was asked for, and if it had not been for Attorney General Bellotti and Senator Kennedy and myself, who got federal funds for the Commission, the Commission could have closed down in the first six months of the King administration for lack of money.

Governor King attempted to amend legislation extending the life of the Commission to limit its scope to contracts awarded after 1967 and others attempted to prohibit the Commission from investigating instrumentalities like Massport.

Finally, this past July 5, after hard work by the Commission, concerned public officials and public pressure, the legislature approved a bill creating the office of Inspector General.

Someone illicitly changed the bill before the Governor signed it. Those changes, without discussion or debate, limited the power of the Inspector General.

Since July 5th, the Governor, the Attorney General and the Auditor have had the power to name an Inspector General. Yet, here we are, six months later and days after the Commission went out of existence, with no Inspector General.

Could it be that the Governor finds no reason to hurry in this matter?

Has he made plans to give the new Inspector General adequate office space, an immediate budget, and all the cooperation needed to start work once he is appointed?

Has the Governor done anything about making his appointments to the special Inspector General Council, which is called for in the legislation?

Would it take this long if Governor King had a real interest in seeing an Inspector General investigate corruption in Massachusetts?

The Commission members themselves, so frustrated with the delays, have just filed legislation that would have the law school deans of Massachusetts give the Governor three nominees to choose from in making the appointment.

Frankly, I think we can not wait for another piece of legislation to make its way through the system. We need an Inspector General appointed now, so he can begin work now, not next summer.

But if this impasse continues, I will support the Commission's new legislation, with one amendment. I would make the Governor's appointment of the Inspector General subject to the confirmation of the Executive Council.

I do not think this additional step will substantially increase the delay. I do think that council involvement will insure that more than one elected official will have played a role in picking the Inspector General, and I believe the public hearing on the nomination will give the public a chance to hear the qualification and make comment on the nomination.

I also support the Commission legislation that will amend the Inspector General bill to remove the limitations that were placed on the post by some secret hand in the middle of the night.

We need an Inspector General now. The King administration has been very good of late in letting things reach the crisis stage before acting.

Well, I say we are at the crisis stage now. The publication of the Commission's report and the accompanying publicity reinforces the public's cynicism with politics and government.

The Ward Commission is out of business. The Commission's records are in storage.

We need immediate action. The public must now that there are public officials who care about honest, open and competent government.

Throughout its report, the Commission blames the current methods of financing political campaigns as one source of the corruption, which the Commission says has "become a way of life in Massachusetts."

The Commission has filed legislation that will place stricter controls on campaign spending and fundraising and introduce public financing of state campaigns.

I support public financing. I have co-sponsored similar bills before and will do everything in my power to see that some type of public financing of campaigns becomes law this year.

Finally, in its summary, the Ward Commission wrote that, "Those who hold power are the ones who have the power to change the way business is done in Massachusetts."

I pledge to be one of those who works to change the system.



FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

Two important events took place last week in the House. The Governor's "State Of The State" message and the House Rule "Fight."

Although some of us had hoped and tried to convince enough others that the Speaker's power was too enormous and should be modified, the numbers just weren't there. The Speaker prevailed 88-57. Therefore, this provided the Governor's speech, top ranking for the week.

In that speech, he naturally listed the accomplishments of the administration during his past two years in office-dwelling primarily on the lowest unemployment rate in the country and a really great effort to persuade people everywhere that Massachusetts does not have an anti-business attitude. The continued attention to expansion of existing businesses and bringing in new industry will be his strong suit. The Governor did recognize that the citizens have spoken through passage of 2½-in fact, his reference to that election result boiled down to the phrase, "They, the people, have commanded!"

Although there were no direct indications of actions to be taken in order to ease the burden of 2½ on the cities and towns-it became very clear that this will be the principal direction the legislature must take.

I find that the majority of people in the executive and legislative branches are very much aware that first consideration in virtually all money matters will be predicated on their relations to the effects of 2½ in the cities and towns.

Legal Lines

By Atty. Rene Thomas

What is the difference between a probate asset and a taxable asset?

Many people are shocked to learn that certain assets of a decedent fall into the taxable estate. Assets such as life insurance and jointly owned property, although exempted from the probate estate, are taxable assets and must be shown on the Massachusetts and federal estate tax return.

It is possible, therefore, that a person could die without having a probated estate, that is no assets in his or her name alone, and yet his estate may still end up paying estate taxes.

The estate tax return is one of the responsibilities of an executor or administrator of an estate and must be filed within nine months of the date of death of the decedent unless an extension is obtained.

Tax Topics

By Abbett Tax Service

I hope this information clarifies some misunderstandings about income tax filings, Social Security earnings, and contributions to Social Security for retired people.

I have been asked whether there is some "magic age" at which you no longer have to worry about filing tax returns. I'm sorry to say that filing requirements will be with most of us for as long as we live.

If you are single and over age 65, you must file a federal income tax return if you have income of at least \$4300 (other than from Social Security). If you are married and file a joint return and one of you is over age 65, the limit is \$6400. If both of you are over 65, the limit is \$7400.

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SCHOOL NEWS



AHS delegates to AIC's Model Congress prepared, participated, picked up top honors for Best Bill of the session. From left to right are Keith Perron, Jim Sherry, Tom Doucette, John Ferranti (Faculty Advisor), and Tim Ryan.

Agawam Wins Best Bill At AIC's Model Congress

By Joanne Brown

Government in action is the rewarding experience in which four Agawam High School students participated last weekend as delegates to American International College's annual Model Congress.

Not only did our local young men participate, but they walked away with Best Bill of the session honors, chosen personally by Governor Edward King.

Seniors Tom Doucette and Keith Perron along with juniors Tim Ryan and Jim Sherry comprised the Agawam delegation to the Congress to which over 25 schools from New England and New York sent representatives.

Under the guidance of Agawam High social studies teacher John Ferranti, Doucette and Perron carefully researched and prepared a bill to amend the Toxic Substance Control Act of 1977 by further restricting

the sale of certain chemicals for use in domestic sewage disposal system cleaners and additives.

Deeply involved and committed to environmental protection, the boys became concerned over the ease with which people can purchase off the shelves of supermarkets and hardware stores potential water pollutants in the form of septic system cleaners. Once a homeowner uses one of these products to clean his septic tank, the chemical ingredients often spread through the leech field and eventually pollute well water.

"Before I presented the bill, we concentrated on proving to the other delegates that the Environmental Protection Agency knows about this problem and hasn't done anything," 3-time delegate Doucette explained.

In lobbying for their bill, the boys photostated a diagram explaining the impact of their resolution and circulated copies among other delegates.

After careful study of parliamentary procedure and detailed research into any possible areas which might provoke questions from other delegates, Doucette made his presentation on the floor of the Science and Technology Committee, to which he and Perron had been assigned. Delegates on the committee overwhelmingly supported the bill, and this support carried over even more strongly when the bill passed the full complement of the Senate unanimously.

"We were so surprised and excited when no one spoke against our bill," Doucette rejoiced. "In fact, other delegates even stood up to speak in favor of it. Everyone agreed with it!"

Not only did the other delegates agree with the Agawam bill, but Massachusetts Governor Edward King obviously was equally impressed. Prior to the opening of Model Congress, King reviewed each of the bills to be presented and unquestioningly chose the Agawam resolution to win Best Bill. The silver bowl awarded this honor was presented at the Awards Banquet held on the final evening of the Congress.

The budding politicians expressed open enthusiasm for their brush with the internal workings of government.

"I was kind of nervous and didn't really know what to expect," said first-time delegate Keith Perron, "but it was such a great learning experience. We really got to understand how our government works."

Tim Ryan and Jim Sherry had been assigned to the Ways and Means Committee. According to Ryan, the most interesting bill had to do with a question actually facing the Agawam School Committee.

"We had to vote on a bill which would require students to pass a certain test before they could graduate high school," Ryan explained.

A member of Agawam's winning *As Schools Match Wits* team, Ryan does not need to worry about his ability to pass such a test, but spoke vehemently against the bill as unfair to those who may "choke" on big tests or not feel well on the day of the test. A majority of the delegates agreed with him and defeated the bill.

According to advisor John Ferranti, these four students demonstrated great interest in the program, but most of Agawam High's students do not. He hopes to stimulate more participation in the future.

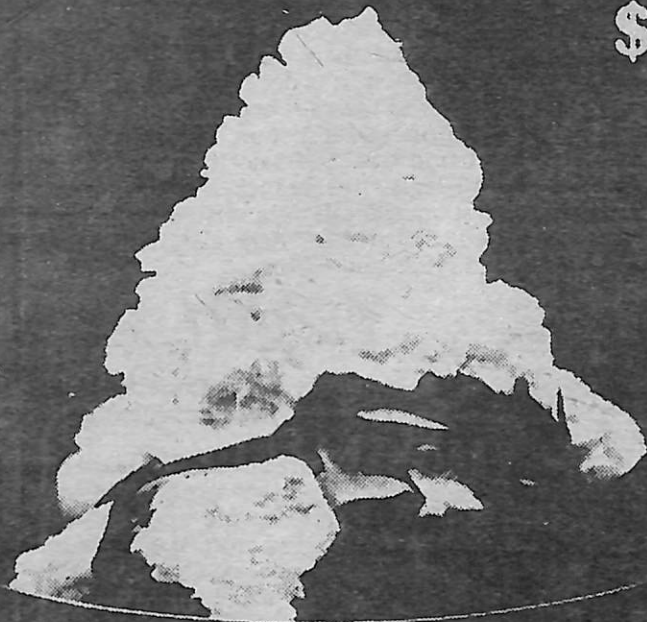
Ferranti was particularly pleased with his proteges' bill being passed unanimously.

"Agawam has won the Best Bill honor before in 1977, but this is the first time our bill has passed unanimously," exulted Ferranti. "The kids spent a lot of time and hard work boning up on parliamentary procedure and researching their material. They are so strongly committed to this resolution that they plan to submit it to state legislators for consideration."

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Agawam members include Kim and Celeste Bishop, Kristina Candido, Cindy and Lin Cavanaugh, Chris and Kerri Craig, Cheryl DeSpirt, Renee LeCour, Cara and Tracy Nichols, and Patty Smith.

New members are always welcome.

School Lunch Menu

Mon., Jan. 26: Fruit juice, pizza w/cheese topping, tossed garden salad, spiced applesauce w/topping, milk

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Thurs., Jan. 29: Beef broth and rice soup, bologna & cheese sandwich, raw carrot sticks, petite banana, milk

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Guidance Bulletin Board

by Paul Cavallo,
Director of Guidance

Although the College Fair is two months away, I thought it would be a good idea to bring readers up to date regarding this important event. Over 200 institutions of higher learning will be present on March 30th and 31st at the Springfield Civic Center to discuss their schools' programs. The general chairman of the fair is James Clinio, director of guidance in Longmeadow, and the co-chairmen are Ray DiPasquale, director of admissions at STCC, and John Porter, guidance counselor at Agawam High School.

The High School guidance staff is actively participating in making the fair a success through their membership on various fair committees. More details will be forthcoming in future columns.

The following seniors have been accepted at the following schools. In most cases, their final decisions regarding which school they will attend will depend on the financial aid offered by the individual schools. Lori Acosta-Roger Williams College; Thomas Albano-Western New England College (WNEC); Kathleen Barry-AIC, Barat College, Illinois; Patricia Brennan-WNEC; Garth Dahdah-WNEC; Yvette Belisle-AIC; Christine Norman-Bay Path Jr. College; Paul Balboni-Penn State, Michigan State; Heather Bonnello-College of Our Lady of the Elms; Patricia Cavallo-Our Lady of the Elms; Mark Moirano-East Coast Area Tech; Kathy Nicora-Bay Path, Our Lady of the Elms; Dawn

Negrucchi-STCC; Pat Misco-Bay Path; Caron Lacour-WNEC; Lyn Moka-WNEC; David Podgorski-WNEC; Steve Page-WNEC; Mark Morrison-Rose Hailman Institute; Marion Margosiak-AIC; Denise Favreau-WNEC; Kathy Foley-Castleton State College; Beth Golemo-WNEC; Beth Johnson-Bay Path; James Thorton-Longwood College, Virginia; Todd Rovelli-WNEC; David Smith-Norwich University; Tony Santaniello-WNEC; Judy Ferguson-Notre Dame, University of New Hampshire; and Michael Ehresman-University of South Carolina, University of Florida.

This list will be updated in future columns as we hear from the schools and/or the students.

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Cheerleaders Deserve Cheers

By Joanne Brown

Cheers once again go out for the Agawam High School varsity cheerleaders!

Last weekend, these twelve talented representatives of our local sports teams won first place in a competition of their own.

As one of eleven teams competing in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference Cheerleading Competition held last Saturday in Westfield, Agawam overwhelmingly emerged on top of the other ten squads. The large silver trophy now graces a special showcase at Agawam High alongside those awards won by cheering groups of the past, though this is the first time Agawam has taken top competitive honors.

Other teams entered into the competition were from Chicopee High, St. Mary's High, Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High, South Hadley High, Gateway Regional, Pioneer Valley Regional, West Springfield High, St. Joseph's High, and Smith Academy. Copping second place was Gateway; third went to West Springfield; and fourth to Smith Academy.

The well-deserved first place win for Agawam was accomplished with intricate mounts and movements performed in careful synchronization. One heart-stopper which drew loud applause involved tiny Sharon Barker being raised to the top of a 3-tiered mount on the hands of Georgia Kratimenos' fully extended arms. The ever-popular "Crush" routine also brought shouts of appreciation for the Agawam girls.

Along with winning first place, Agawam High now has the traditional honor of hosting the competition scheduled for next year.

The enthusiastic talent of these girls certainly deserves the whole town's recognition. The varsity cheerleaders are Lisa Ghedi and Chris Liquori, senior captains; Wendy Czerpak, Nena DeMaio, Georgia Kratimenos, and Chris Norman, seniors; and juniors Sharon Barker, Sue Bodurtha, Diane D'Alma, Gina Ferraro, Doreen Sardella, and Mary Walsh. Injured cheerleader Regina Saracino was present to encourage her teammates to do their best, as was alternate Beth Dahlke.

Congratulations, girls!

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SPORTS

Pins On Sale



Ernie Tetreault, an officer in the Wrestlers Boosters Club, presents a promotional button to Bobby Schwein. The Booster club is selling the buttons to raise funds for the high school grapplers. Pins are on sale at the meets and some wrestlers will have them in school. Support your team, wear a button and come and cheer the team on this Saturday against rival West Springfield. Photo by Jack Devine.

Girls' Basketball Boosters Plan Fundraiser

The parents of Agawam girls' basketball teams met recently to organize an upcoming Booster Ticket Sale. The \$1.00 donation will help support scholarships and camp funds, and tickets may be purchased from any parent of a girls' basketball team member. Mrs. Sharon Baldarelli, Mrs. Pauline Mercadante, and Mrs. Lois Miodowski will be in charge.

Chairing the end-of-the-season banquet will be Mrs. Barbara Goehlt and Mrs. Marie Goodman with Mrs. Theresa Kozloski and Mrs. Chris Ferry serving as treasurers. Public relations will be handled by Mrs. Connie Ollari.

The purpose of the Girls' Basketball Booster Club is to support girls' basketball teams at all levels.

Bombers Stop Pucksters Surge

By Steve Berard

Westfield's Bombers stunned Agawam's Brownies with a stinging 4-3 defeat in varsity hockey action Monday at the Coliseum. The streaking Bombers used four first period goals to knock the Brownies out of the driver's seat in the Berry Division.

The loss also finalized a six-game victory chain for Agawam.

"In the first period we made too many costly mistakes in the front of our net, and Westfield just took advantage of them," commented AHS coach, Bill Sapelli. "We just gave them too many shots."

The disastrous first period started and ended well for Agawam, but what Sapelli termed as a "breakdown in the defense" resulted in the locals' road to ruin.

Jeff Masi opened the scoring when he flipped the disc past the sharp Bomber netminder. But Westfield battled back in a three-goal blitz within a minute and nineteen seconds.

Agawam's defensive blunders in their own zone proved to be goalie Kevin Kamyk's downfall. The defense failed to clear the zone. Another error allowed the Bombers to up the tally to 4-1, when an elusive forward cleanly beat Kamyk.

"I thought Kamyk played a pretty good game," confessed Sapelli.

In the final two stanzas, Kamyk foiled several Bomber breakaways and kept the Brownies within striking distance. Senior captain Jimmy Shea closed

out the wide open first period scoring on a low wrist shot...but Westfield still led a surprising 4-2.

The intermission between periods seemed to do the locals a world of good. "We took control at this point," claimed Sapelli.

The flying Agawam skaters hit the posts, players on the ice and everything else except the net in an offensive show of their own. Agawam had opportunities galore on several power-plays but couldn't break through.

The locals carried third period play as well. Senior wingman Pat Sullivan cut the lead to one when he shuffled a centering pass through into the twine.

Agawam applied tremendous pressure in the closing minutes to salvage at least a tie but once again came up empty. Sapelli credits forwards Shea, Masi, and defensivemen Mark LaViolette, Steve Moreau, and Todd Ruby for strong efforts. "Craig Colcombe also played very well," noted Sapelli.

Agawam's next contest will be on Tuesday when they faceoff against Classical. The Bulldogs will be trying to rebound from the tragic death of their captain, Harry Tighe.

Sapelli says his charges will work hard in preparing for the contest and attempt to avenge an earlier 2-1 setback at the blades of Classical. "We'll spend a lot of time moving the puck out of our zone," Sapelli remarked.

Frontier Outlasts Gymnasts

Deborah Guidi

Agawam High gymnast Sue Poirier scored a meet leading, season high 7.05 on her vault in Agawam's tough Wednesday night loss to Frontier Regional.

The score may be the highest ever achieved by the school for the event and represents the highest mark this season for the team, says coach Laurine Gregouli.

The 59.65 - 67.45 (Frontier) defeat was Agawam's second of the winter. In both cases, the locals were beaten by less than 8 points—that's not a large deficit when considering in years past it was common for Agawam to drop a meet to a squad like Amherst by as much as 20 points.

"The ranges in scores have gotten a lot better. Part of the reason is that we've been drawing more talented gymnasts to the team the past couple of years," Miss Gregouli stated.

Agawam missed the talents of Lori Witkowitz against Frontier. Lori tore ligaments in her ankle in the meet against Amherst and will be sidelined for the remainder of the campaign.

"Lori was getting 20 points each meet for us. On the bars Wednesday we got 9.2 points to their 12.10—it was our first meet without her and it hurt," said Miss Gregouli.

Agawam may have trouble with the bars as the season winds down. It's a difficult event that requires much upper body strength. Witkowitz was the strongest girl in this event for the Brownies.

Other Agawam talent has been waiting in the wings, and is now ready to contribute. Wednesday night rookie gymnast Eileen Paleologopoulos performed her first floor routine. Also, senior captain Carmella Marzano will now participate in three events after being restricted to the vault for the first part of the season due to an abdominal injury.

Miss Gregouli is also looking to talented newcomer Cindy Fontaine for help.

Coach Gregouli utilized Sue Poirier and Patrice Ross as all-arounds against Frontier. Ross was awarded a meet high 4.75 in the floor exercises. Agawam received 15.00 points to Frontier's 16.55 there.

Agawam was unable to win an event in Wednesday's contest although they weren't behind by much at the vault with 24.90 points to 25.15 and a running score of 39.90 to 41.70. Sue Poirier lead the pack with her record breaking mark.

A Frontier gymnast got an event high 4.2 points at the Beam, while Agawam highest score was a 3.4 from Sue Poirier.

Agawam's average score on the bars was a 2.5. If it seems that the scores being awarded this year are lower than they used to be, it's because of a rule change that has the high school gymnasts being judged according to the Olympic code of points rather than the high school standards as they were before this season.

Coach Gregouli is looking for wins against Classical and Monument Mountain on Wednesday two teams which she considers to be at Agawam's skill level.

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AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 29, 1981, at 7:00 P.M. in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA for the purpose of hearing the public comments on petition of Frank J. Solitario, for rezoning of land from Agricultural and Residence A-2 to Residence A-3 on the following estate situated at the corner of Suffield and South Streets in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, described as follows:

PARCEL I

Beginning at a point set in the south side of South Street, distance of 400 ft. Easterly from Suffield Street and running thence S 79° 18' 10" E. along the south side of South Street a distance of 1323.87 feet to land of Rocco and Christina Stellato; thence turning and running along last named land S. 2° 32' 38" W. a distance of 1874.34' to land of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company; thence turning and running along last named land the following courses N 62° 28' 31" W. a distance of 440.31 feet, N. 76° 51.0' W 69.52 feet. S 8° 46' 29" W a distance of 544.88 ft. and S 74° 59' 59" W a distance of 180.50 feet to the East side of a 300' wide Western Mass. Electric Company Right of Way, thence turning and running along said east side of Western Mass. Electric Company Right of Way N 18° 19' 21" W a distance of 1638.69 feet to an angle point, thence N 54° 00' 21" W a distance of 507.76 feet to other land of Gasland, Inc., thence turning and running S 79° 18' 10" E along last named land 252.95 feet, thence continuing N 14° 20' 14" E a distance of 700 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 55.70 acres of land.

Excepting from the above described premises the following land and containing approximately 20 acres more or less.

Beginning at a point marking the Northeast corner of Parcel 1, thence in a generally westerly direction along the south side of South Street 1323.87 feet to a point which marks the Northwest corner of said Parcel I; thence turning and running in a generally southerly direction 200 feet more or less, to the northerly edge of Worthington Brook; thence turning and running in an easterly and Southeasterly direction along the said Northerly edge of said Worthington Brook approximately 1500 feet, more or less, to the West side of land of said Rocco and Christina Stellato; thence turning and running in a generally Northerly direction along last named land of said Stellato a distance of approximately 750 feet, more or less, to said Southerly side of South Street and the point of beginning.

PARCEL 2

Beginning at a point set in the easterly side of Suffield Street at land of Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and running thence S 77° 40' 31" E along last named land 640.24' to a point; thence continuing along last named land the following courses: S 77° 52' 31" E a distance of 687.21 feet N 74° 59' 59" E a distance of 46.76' to the westerly side of a 300 foot wide Western Mass. Electric Co. Right of Way thence turning and running along said Westerly side of Right of Way N 18° 19' 21" W a distance of 1524.71 feet to an angle point in said Right of Way; thence N 54° 00' 21" W a distance of 463.00 feet to a point set in the easterly side of Suffield Street, thence running along said easterly side of Suffield Street S 18° 40' 12" W a distance of 1210.30 feet to an angle point, thence continuing S 18° 24' 29" W a distance of 320.34' to the place of beginning. Containing 28.18 acres of land.

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Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Town Council
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The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Ma. on the application for a Class II Dealer's License of Richard Melloni, 41 Greenock St., Feeding Hills, Ma. to operate Town Motors, 3938 Main St., Agawam, Ma.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by D. A. DeMATOS REALTY CO., INC. to NORTHAMPTON INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS dated January 11, 1979, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4716, Page 254 of which the mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 noon on February 3, 1981 at 825 Springfield Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts. The premises being sold are bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL I

Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lot No. 5 (five) as shown on a plan of lots of Charles W. and Myrtle Hegeman and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 24, Page 75; said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
NORTHEASTERLY by Amherst Avenue, fifty (50) feet;
SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 7 (seven) as shown on said plan, one hundred and 55/100 (100.55) feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by Giffen Place, fifty and 60/100 (50.60) feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY by Lots No. 1 (one) and No. 2 (two) as shown on said plan, one hundred three and 70/100 (103.70) feet.
Being the same premises conveyed to D.A. DeMatos Realty Co., Inc. by deed of Anthony A. DeMatos dated January 25, 1971, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 3564, Page 66.

PARCEL II

Certain real estate situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Southeasterly line of Springfield Street with the Southwesterly line of Amherst Avenue, and running thence SOUTHEASTERLY along the Southerly line of Amherst Avenue a distance of one hundred (100) feet to a point; thence running SOUTHWESTERLY along land now or formerly of George A. Dufeu, a distance of one hundred three and 70/100 (103.70) feet to a ten (10') foot right of way known as Giffen Place as described in a deed from Frances O. Barrett et al to Harry Austin dated April 25, 1903, recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 662, Page 304; thence running NORTHWESTERLY along said right of way now known as Giffen Place a distance of one hundred one and 19/100 (101.19) feet to said Springfield Street; and running thence NORTHEASTERLY along said Springfield Street a distance of ninety (90) feet to the place of beginning.

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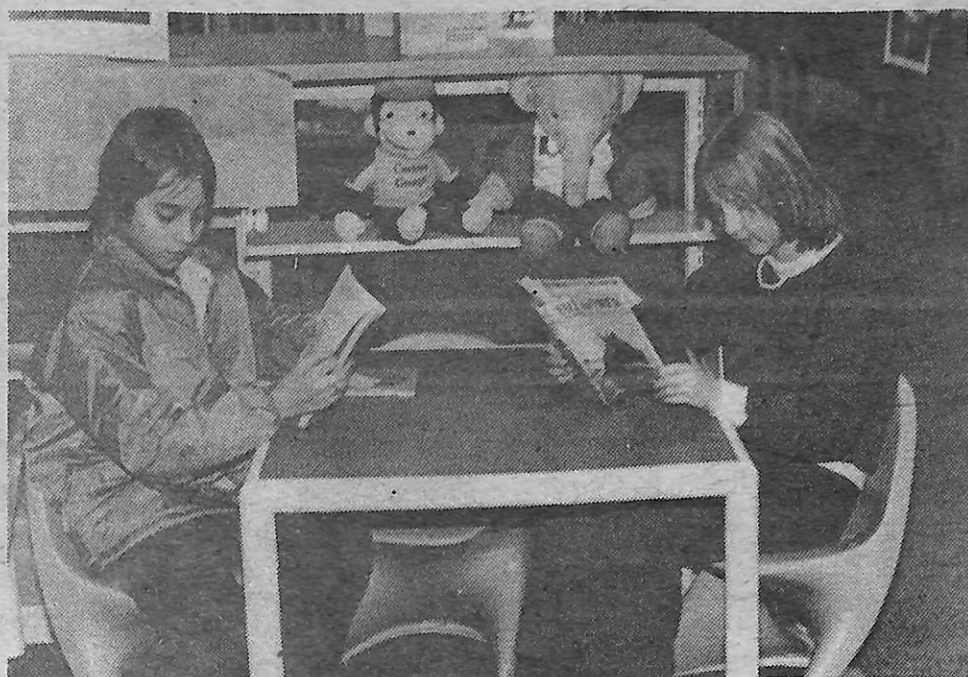
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Donna M. Campbell, chief librarian, displays a stereo and headphone available in the library's Audiovisual Room, still in the developmental stage. Thanks to the Agawam Rotary, the library owns two beautiful stereo systems for records and cassettes. Excellent stereo headphones were donated by the Rotary and the Agawam Center Library Association. The public is welcome to use this equipment as well as filmstrip viewers, a slide projector, and a video cassette player, but such use must be arranged in advance.



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Often, the library displays art works, handicrafts, hobbies, collections and other quality items from talented local residents. Niobe O'Connor, a local artist, straightens one of her paintings which are presently on display on the walls in the library's lobby. Handmade dolls by Susan Wolfe are featured in the display at this time. If you own such quality items, contact the library to schedule an exhibit.



The inviting lounge area of the library is a very comfortable place to read the many magazines and newspapers carried by the library. Since many of the titles owned by the library are indexed in the *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*, found in the reference area, the library stores many back issues of these titles in the basement. All magazines except the most current issues may be borrowed. Linda Cosby, Kim Bressem and Holli Young (left to right) take a break from homework to read magazines.

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